

During the 2002-03 season we proudly displayed this logo in all of our materials:



To be a grantee of the California Arts Council is an honor. Not only is there a cash grant which supports the operations of arts organizations like Vox Femina Los Angeles, but also the recognition in the artistic and funding communities that organizations funded by the CAC have achieved a superior level of excellence.

For 25 years, the California Arts Council provided direct funding to organizations like VFLA, as well as to governmental organizations such as the Los Angeles County Arts Commission and the City of Los Angeles Cultural Affairs Department, both of which have funded VFLA generously in the past.

This past summer, to balance the California State Budget, the legislature and the Governor nearly eliminated the California Arts Council. Funding was left so that a minimal number of administrative tasks could continue.

As a result of the budget cuts:

- California now funds the arts at \$0.03 per person annually.
- California is now ranked 50th in state funding for the Arts.
- Future funding for the California Arts Council is unclear.

For the 2003-04 season, Vox Femina Los Angeles will continue to proudly display the logo of the California Arts Council. We do this not because there is funding attached, but rather to underscore the honor bestowed to us by being a grantee. We also hope that by continuing to showcase the logo, and the facts about arts funding in California, that our supporters will allow their voices to be heard on this important issue.

In addition to losing the direct funding of the CAC, Vox Femina Los Angeles also anticipates a significant cutback in County and City funding, due to the ripple effect of the state level cutbacks. These funding sources, which represented nearly 33% of VFLA's budget, will now represent less than 5%. There is a donation envelope in this program. Please give generously.

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